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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A security article comprising:  
a light transmissive substrate having a first surface and an  
opposing second surface, the first surface having a  
diffraction grating pattern or a holographic image pattern  
and the second surface being substantially planar thereon;  
and  
a color shifting optical coating ~~overlying~~ on the second  
surface of the substrate, said optical coating including a  
polymeric medium and a plurality of color shifting multilayer  
optical interference flakes dispersed in the polymeric  
medium, wherein the flakes comprise an absorber layer, a  
dielectric layer and a reflector layer, wherein the optical  
film provides an observable discrete color shift such that  
the article has a first background color at a first angle of  
incident light or viewing and a second background color  
different from the first background color at a second angle  
of incident light or viewing, the article exhibiting an  
optical diffraction grating pattern effect or a holographic  
image pattern effect in addition to the first and second  
background colors.

Claims 2-6 (canceled)

7. (new) A security article as defined in claim 1 wherein  
the polymeric medium includes at least a pigment vehicle for  
use in ink or paint.